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| | First Named Inventor | William J. LaBarge |
| | Art Unit | 1754 |
| | Examiner Name | E. Johnson |
| | Attorney Docket Number | DP-302561 |

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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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iv. ☐ Other _____

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This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Rejection dated February 13, 2002 and to the Advisory Action dated April 16, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced Application as follows to place the case in condition for allowance.

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